

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 5, 2006**

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2006; at 10:00 a.m. **COMMISSIONERS RICHARD GRAHAM. DENNIS HADALLER and JIM LOWERY** were in attendance. **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM** who determined a quorum and proceeded with the flag salute called the meeting to order. **Commissioner Hadaller** moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, May 22, 2006. **Commissioner Lowery** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one signed up to speak.

**NOTICE:**

**Commissioner Lowery** moved to approve notice agenda item 1. **Commissioner Hadaller** seconded the motion.

**Commissioner Jim Lowery,** *read the proclamation aloud.*

Motion carried: 3-0

**Commissioner Hadaller** moved to approve notice agenda items 2 and 3. **Commissioner Lowery** seconded the motion.

1. **Proclamation:** Declaring the month of June 2006 as "National Safety Month".
2. **Call for Bids:** For the 2006 miscellaneous safety and guardrail project. Bids will be opened on Monday, June 19, 2006 on or after 10:00 AM. **Resolution No. 06-182**
3. **Notice of Hearing:** Lewis County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on June 19, 2006, on or after 10:00 A.M. at the Lewis County Courthouse, Commissioner's Hearing Room, Second Floor Extending the Moratorium adopted under Ordinance 1189. **Ordinance 1189A**

Motion carried 3-0

**CONSENT:**

**Commissioner Lowery** moved to approve consent agenda item 1 through 10. **Commissioner Hadaller** seconded the motion Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board, read the items aloud.

**Chairman Graham** noted the consent agenda numbered 4-13

1. **Resolution No. 06-183**                      Establishing support for County participation in a five county 2-1-1-service area.
2. **Resolution No. 06-184**                      Approving a contract with the Lewis County Shelter Program from Lewis County Health & Social Services in the amount of \$112,709 for Transitional Housing Program.
3. **Resolution No. 06-185**                      Approving a contract between Lewis County and Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WISE) to provide technical support and training.
4. **Resolution No. 06-186**                      Authorization of cost of living allowance for Elected Officials.
5. **Resolution No. 06-187**                      Washington State Patrol Statewide Marijuana Eradication Program.
6. **Resolution No. 06-188**                      Cancellation of warrants.
7. **Resolution No. 06-189-**                      To establish the Veteran's Advisory Board and set policies.

8. Resolution No. 06-190                      Appointment of Pat Sauter to Lewis County Flood Control District No. 1 Commissioner.
9. Resolution No. 06-191      -              Approval of contract amendment # E05-173 with Washington State Military Department and Office of Homeland Security for the purchase of public safety radio equipment.
10. Resolution No. 06-192                      - Request for preliminary approval of Holloway Springs, Division II & III.

**Chairman Graham** asked for questions from the Board.

**Commissioner Lowery** clarified item #7 it is not really a '*cost of living*' increase. It was an increase in salary.

**Chairman Graham** asked Prosecuting Attorney Jeremy Randolph to speak.

**Mr. Randolph, Prosecuting Attorney** stated that Resolution No. 06-186 did not hurt himself or Sheriff Mansfield; it hurt his wife and children. He stated he was disappointed in the BOCC's decision to not take the Salary Commissions recommendation and give the elected officials what was proposed. He asked the Board to have the courage to table this item until after the Brown Bag Lunch session, where they could sit and discuss the issue.

**Chairman Graham** stated the press had reported at least two times that they BOCC had not taken the recommendations from the Salary Commission. He stated the BOCC had not gone against the Salary Commissions recommendation the previous two times. He stated he had asked Larry Keeton, Chief of Staff to do some research on the previous recommendations from the Salary Commission.

**Larry Keeton, Chief of Staff**, stated he did do the researched the Chairman asked. The Board did follow the Salary Commissions recommendation the previous two times and gave the COLA increases to the Elected Officials.

**Mr. Randolph** stated that he had only read what the press reported. That he had not went back and did research on the past years.

**Commissioner Lowery** asked to table item #7.

**Chairman Graham** stated the Board made a 1% increase for all the elected officials. Before the Salary Commission was in place, the Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, and the BOCC were all about the same level of pay. He had numerous elected officials asked if they needed a salary increase.

He asked if it was the will of the Board to table item #7 until next week.

**Commissioner Lowery** stated he wanted to originally oppose the 1% salary increase. That he agreed with Mr. Randolph on going on the Salary Commissions recommendations. He was curious why the Board decided not to approve the recommendation.

**Chairman Graham** noted the Salary Commission could only set the Board of County Commissioners Salary. The Prosecuting Attorney did not have all the facts when he came in here.

**Commissioner Hadaller** stated he agreed with Chairman Graham. It was not right for Mr. Randolph to come in here without the correct facts.

**Steve Mansfield, Sheriff**, stated he agreed with a lot of what the Prosecuting Attorney said. He also stated he works for the community and the people and will not let a salary issue change his commitment to the community. He stated he would like the opportunity to sit down with the Board and discuss how they came up with his salary. If they do not want to do that, then you go on with business.

**Chairman Graham** stated he was not changing his mind. We can wait till next week, but his decision will be the same.

**Commissioner Hadaller** stated he had never seen the Prosecuting Attorney at a Brown Bag Lunch in all the years he had been there. He does not want this to get into a match in here. He stated there should be some house cleaning in the PA 's office.

**Chairman Graham** stated if they had gone along with the Salary Commissions recommendation, some of the elected officials would have received a 0% increase. Their recommendation only really impacted the Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney's offices.

**Mr. Keeton** gave clarification on the Salary Commissions recommendation.

**Commissioner Lowery** made a motion to amend the original motion and remove Resolution No. 06-187. **Commissioner Hadaller** seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 06-187 will be tabled until Monday, June 12, 2006.

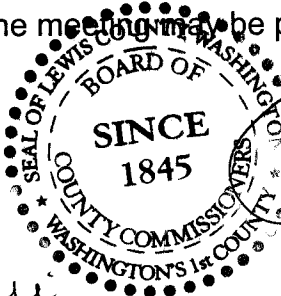
Motion carried 3-0

**Chairman Graham** stated that consent items 4-6 and 8-13 are approved.

There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m. on Monday June 5, 2006. The next public meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

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ATTEST:

  
Karri Muir  
Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board  
Lewis County Commissioners

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Richard P. Graham  
Richard Graham, Chairman of the Board

Dennis Hadaller  
Dennis Hadaller, Commissioner

Jim Lowery  
Jim Lowery, Commissioner